

Progress report 20200416

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1 Follow-up items

none

2 Topics discussed

1. equilibrium (eqm) convergence between numerical and analytical approaches
2. temperature condition mismatches between published model parameters
3. pairwise parameter effects on eqm solution based on a rough parameter space scan
4. biofuel literature review: how they address carbon harvesting challenge in reality and using mathematical terms
5. thesis write-up

3 Consensus

1. use “BioTrait” data from CMEE miniproject folder to obtain P_0 & B_0 for Arrhenius equation
[$A = A_0 \exp(E_a/(kT_K))$]
2. use Arrhenius equation to standardize temperature-dependence of rate terms (i.e. growth rates for photocell & bacterial decomposer, photocell intraspecific interference & bacterial decomposer death rate)
3. write full introduction section & send out for feedback
 - (a) big question to tackle: how to make an artificial ecosystem of photocell-bacterial decomposer couple to sequester carbon in theory?
 - (b) importance of carbon sequestration in modern day society
 - (c) existing methods of carbon sequestration description and critique
 - (d) knowledge gap in the field of carbon sequestration from existing models (i.e. models comparison)
 - (e) project novelty: 3-part system using carbon pool density of organic matter, photocell and bacterial decomposer
 - (f) aim of model: max carbon pool size at given temperature (mid-20°C, as fractions are all given at 23 or 25°C)